Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently amended) Collapsible container for receiving food, having a flexible wall comprising at least two layers, the container comprising a withdrawal opening with a bent opening edge and being closed at its end opposite the withdrawal opening, the container being rolled from a two-dimensional blank which is connected with itself in an overlap region extending—in—particular in the longitudinal direction of the container by means—ofat least one of heat and/or pressure, wherein the container is formed from a transparent and—in—particular liquid, preferably fluid tight material which can be shaped—in—particular for bending the opening edge and is dimensionally stable after the shaping.
- 2. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the unshaped blank is—strictly two-dimensional to be processed more easily.

(Cancelled)

- 4. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein two or more of the layers are joined in a permanent perfect junction.
- 5. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein three of said layers are provided, each of which is transparent.
- 6. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein one of the layers, in particular a central

layer, one of said layers is an elastic yet permanently ductile layer, and after the shaping, a dimensionally stable layer.

- 7. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least an inner layerone of said layers is liquid tight and one of the a further one of said layers is gastight.
- 8. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least one of an outer and/orand an inner one of said layers are is formed as a connection layer at least in the overlap region.
- 9. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein edges of the layers are fluid tight.
- 10. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with a print.

11. (Cancelled)

- 12. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein in particular thesaid layers comprise a central layer—is made of polyester and—the outer and inner layers that comprise are coats of lacquer applied to the central layer.
- 13. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers comprise an outer <u>layer of polypropylene, and</u> an inner layer of polypropylene, and a central layer of polyester (PET) arranged therebetween.
- 14. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers comprise an outer layer, an inner layer and a central layer therebetween, and wherein athe

print is provided on at least one of an inner side of the outer layer—and/or, an outer side or an inner side, respectively, of the central layer, and and/or an outer side of the inner layer.

- 15. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein for the generation of heat for the connection in the overlap region, at least one of the layers is ultrasonic absorbent.
- 16. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers form a laminate.
- 17. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein thea print is printed on at least one of the layers before the layers are laminated.
- 18. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein one of the layers is a laminate.
- 19. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the closed end is formed by connecting lower end sections of the wall.
- 20. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim ± 19 , wherein the lower end sections of the wall are pressed one to another before they are connected.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the <u>container comprises a cup hashaving one of—a circular</u>, approximately quadrangular,—in—particular square, oval, bean-shaped orand approximately polygonal eross—section cross-sections.

- 23. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim $\pm \underline{14}$, wherein the print has a three-dimensional effect.
- 24. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 114, wherein the print is or comprises a hologram.
- 25. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim ± 10 , wherein the print leaves open a control window on the wall.
- 26. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim ± 10 , wherein the print is only visible after at least a part of the food has been taken out.
- 27. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the opening edge is bent at an angle of 90° or more relative to the rest of the wall.
 - 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the container and in particular the material are stable at least within the temperature range of -50°C to +120°C.
- 30. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the container can be is capable of being stacked and unstacked.
- 31. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein thean outer layerone of said layers of the material is formed from polypropylene (PP), oriented PP (coextruded or lacquered), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), lacquered PET, polyamide (PA), or lacquered and oriented PA, or the like, and/or the and an

inner <u>layerone</u> of said <u>layers</u> is formed from PP, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polystyrene (PS), PA, or PET, or the like.

- 32. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein one layer is formed as a heat insulating layer further comprising an insulating section of air within one of said layers or between said layers to provide an insulating effect.
- 33. (Original) Blank for the manufacture of a collapsible container according to claim 1.
- 34. (New) A collapsible transparent container for receiving food is made from a blank that is connected to itself in an overlap region by at least one of heat and pressure extending in a longitudinal direction of the container, the container having a withdrawal opening with a bent opening edge at an open end and being closed at an opposing end, the container comprising:
- a first liquid impermeable transparent inner layer comprising polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene, polyamide, polyethylene terephthalate, or laminate;
- a second elastic and dimensionally stable transparent central layer; and
- a third gas impermeable transparent outer layer comprising polypropylene, oriented polypropylene, polyethylene, polyethylene terephthalate, lacquered polyethylene terephthalate, polyamide or lacquered and oriented polyamide,

wherein at least one of the inner layer and the outer layer is formed as a connection layer at least in the overlap region,

wherein the closed end is formed by connecting lower sections of the blank,

wherein the container has one of a circular, quadrangular, square, oval, bean-shaped and polygonal cross-section,

wherein the container is capable of being stacked and unstacked with a plurality of similar containers,

wherein the transparency of said container enables filling thereof to be monitored from a direction perpendicular to the filling direction and enables optical identification of the food stored therein, and

wherein the container is dimensionally stable after having been shaped so that said container is deformable when a force is applied to the outer layer thereof to enable consumption of at least part of the food and so that said container returns to essentially its original shape when the force is removed whereby the food is retracted back into an interior of the container until another force is applied to the outer layer.

- 35. (New) The collapsible transparent container of Claim 34, further comprising an insulating section of air within one of said layers or between two of said layers to provide an insulating effect.
- 36. (New) The collapsible transparent container of Claim 34, further comprising a print provided with one of said layers, said print preventing viewing through said container except for a control window on a section of said container.
- 37. (New) The collapsible transparent container of Claim 34, further comprising a lid for closing the withdrawal opening at the opening end of the container and a lid handle projecting outwardly from an edge of said lid to enable removal of said lid and access to the interior of said container.